

November 5, 2002

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-02-064A

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region IV staff on this date.

Facility

Kumar and Associates, Inc.
Denver, Colorado
License No.: 778-01
Colorado Agreement State Licensee

Licensee Emergency Classification

☐ Notification of Unusual Event
☐ Alert
☐ Site Area Emergency
☐ General Emergency
☒ Not Applicable

SUBJECT: UPDATE - STOLEN PORTABLE GAUGE FOUND

DESCRIPTION:

On October 31, 2002, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (the Department) notified NRC's Operations Center of the reported theft of a portable moisture/density gauge (EN No. 39334 and PNO-IV-02-064). Kumar and Associates, Inc., a Colorado licensee, reported that the gauge had been stolen on October 30, 2002, from the open bed of a pickup truck parked in front of a private residence in Denver, Colorado.

On November 4, 2002, the Department notified NRC's Operations Center of the recovery of the stolen gauge. The Department reported that on the evening of October 31, 2002, the Denver police were called to investigate a suspicious package left by a dumpster at a Denver, Colorado, location. The package was labeled with a radioactive sticker. The Denver Fire Department Haz-mat team was dispatched to check and secure the package at a safe temporary storage location. In addition, the Department dispatched an inspector to the storage facility. On November 4, 2002, the package was positively identified as the licensee's stolen gauge and was returned to the licensee. The licensee has reported that the gauge was intact and that the sources appeared undisturbed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence from NRC's Operations Center on November 5, 2002. Region IV has informed OEDO, NMSS, OSTP, and the Region's PAO and SLO.

This information has been discussed with the State and is current as of 9:30 a.m. (CST) on November 5, 2002.

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